APPENDIX

21. (Amended) A method comprising:

providing an opening in a laminate; and

pressing a conductive element into the opening, wherein the conductive element includes an inner element covered by an outer element.

27. (Amended) A structure comprising:

a conductive element embedded into a laminate, wherein the conductive element includes an inner element covered by an outer element.

- 31. (Amended) The structure of claim 27, wherein the <u>outer element of the</u> conductive element is <u>a</u> material selected from the group consisting of: <u>glass</u>, copper, brass, and bronze.
- 33. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the inner element of the conductive element comprises a material selected from the group consisting of: glass, rubber and plastic.
- 34. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the outer element of the conductive element comprises a material selected from the group consisting of: copper, brass, gold and bronze.
- 35. (New) The structure of claim 27, wherein the inner element of the conductive element comprises a material selected from the group consisting of: glass, rubber and plastic.